

The following summary compares the work scheduled in each Annual Work Plan against the amount of work implemented/completed in the field. Annual Work Plans are developed 18 months in advance of any work being implemented in the field to allow time for an internal Departmental and Public review process. Activities listed in the Annual Work Plans are many times not accomplished due to several unforeseen factors. Rainfall has the greatest effect on limiting the implementation of forestry work on Delmarva each year with wet soil conditions frequently restricting access to approved harvest sites with heavy logging equipment. Another factor that affects commercial forestry practices is the limited number of trained logging crews available to carry out thinning operations. Other types of planned practices, such as site preparation, herbicide applications and fertilization are occasionally not implemented due to the fact that the planned treatment is determined would not be beneficial to the site after a final field review. An example would be a harvested area that regenerated itself naturally and experienced little or no competition with undesirable species. This type of site would not require activities that may have been listed in the annual work plan such as site preparation, planting or an herbicide application. Over the past five years, only 21% of planned site preparations were actually carried out, while 50% of those sites regenerated themselves naturally. The remaining 29% will potentially undergo hand planting after being revaluated in the fall/winter of 2006.

SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITY SUMMARY BY ANNUAL WORK PLAN

<i>Annual Work Plan Activity</i>	2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		5 Year Total	
	<i>Plan Acres</i>	<i>Acres Comp.</i>	<i>Plan Acres</i>	<i>Acres Comp.</i>	<i>Plan Acres</i>	<i>Acres Comp.</i>	<i>Plan Acres</i>	<i>Acres Comp.</i>	<i>Plan Acres</i>	<i>Acres Comp.</i>	<i>Plan Acres</i>	<i>Acres Comp.</i>
Final Harvests	33	33	67	67	138	85	175	127	828	303	1241	615
Various Select Harvests &/or other treatments	312	15	89		46	46	51				498	61
First Thinning	1421	1126	2001	1197	1543	719	1822	638	3416	733	10203	4413
Second Thinning	245	181	433	382	1132	495	1636	546	731	313	4177	1917
Site Preparation			375	87	64				167	38	606	125
Tree Planting	482	487	375	96	64		550	30	167	69	1638	682
Regeneration Release	387	387	459	335	106	23					952	745
Grass Control	482	487	375		64				104		1025	487
Aerial Release, natural stands									225	162	225	162
Mid Rotation Release	264	264	498	404	519	396	1123	257	541	196	2945	1517
Fertilization	895		498	140	519	96	380	86	205	156	2497	478
Natural Regeneration				188		64				21	0	273
Pre Commercial Thinning	214	214	459	241	234	187			587	342	1494	984
Prescribed Fire	19	19	145	145	443		604	178	998		2209	342
Restoration Projects							221	221	470	200	691	421
Watershed Imp. Projects							36	36	40		76	36